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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)  
2183-4866US

In re Application of Wezel et al.

Application Number 09/749,185 Filed December 28, 2000

For REDUCING BRANCHING AND ENHANCING  
FRAGMENTATION IN CULTURING FILAMENTOUS  
MICROORGANISMSGroup Art Unit Examiner  
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